

Among Our Friends

Marie Wilson became a grandmother again when her daughter in Long Island gave birth to a gal. Chicagoans Wilsons were pretty much on the go last winter which also included the Mardi Gras in New Orleans . . . Liutas Grinius received his call for service to Uncle Sam. He is a former ATEITIS dancer . . . Charlotte Dubin of Maywood, Ill., had a tough winter with plenty Tsores, but all is well now. She can't dance much now, but she took up creating things of beauty as an artistic silversmith and jeweler. She also does voluntary work in the State Hospital. Good gal.

The Sherwooders of Fay Ferree, Denver, Colo., feature "guest nights" at their club. They thus far had Scotland, the Scandinavian and Latin American countries. They also participated in the Purim Shpill at the JCRS, Spivak . . . A new Ukrainian group was organized in Denver and they are doing good work . . . Neil Handelman, now in Chicago, flew to Brooklyn to be with mom over Mother's Day . . . Vince Samaška, Chicagoan and Ateitis Dancer, flew for a weeks' vacation in Mexico City.

Carlotta Mascione was appointed Supervisor of Wilson Park on Chicago's North Side. Carlotta is a folk dance lover and we know she'll sow good seeds in Chicago's Park System . . . Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs, an avid friend of VILTIS and a brilliant brain whose scholastic deeds and civic activities are much too many to enumerate, was appointed Rabbi of Niles (Illinois) Congregation . . . Rev. Rodney Shaw, anohter great brain, great personality and great guy, a Southerner, a Methodist and a two-year title holder of Golden Glove championship, and a World War II Chaplain, etc., etc. and etc. was in the San Diego area for ministerial talks and World Federation propagation. He is a whiz, and along with Rabbi Jacobs are two of the finest personifications of people who sincerely strive for the brotherhood of men.

Lt. Col. Wayne Wills and family traveled through all Europe, including the Scandinavian, Low and High countries and where not. They "reunited" with Jerry Joris who is also gallivanting through Europe . . . The Wm. Hargraves of Philadelphia are visiting Austria, Gerda's former homeland . . . Denverites Lil and Ray Mathews vacationed in New York and points East. It rained all the time. Po' soles! They got wet.

VILTIS got a plug over the Radio on Jack Eigne's Chez Paris program, Chicago, when he interviewed John and Chris Mitchell and VILTIS was called "the down-beat of folk music". By the way, our apologies to both. John married Alice Lynn Leeper, not Chris Lupa, as announced in VILTIS. Chris is a nick name. Mea maxima culpa! The Mitchells will be moving West this fall.

John Hancock, Pat Allen, June Loesch and Stan Leszynski visited Iver's Restaurant. They brought castanets with them to add rattle to the ever present din. It so happened that during that ime a broadcasting was going on, so they had June and Pat "roll over the waves" and John got himself interviewed.

VILTIS is not the only paper which writes about Cmdr. William Francis, USN. The San Diego Union-Tribune likewise carrier his handsome profile and what he had to say about the weather. He can't do a thing about the weather but he sure can warn thousands of ships and enlighten them so that they'll know what to do inspite of the weather.

Woe is us'ns! Our VILTIS ranks were depleted of a great number of helpers during the last two months; Robbie Miller, PN3, USN to Seattle; Jack Mona, TESN USN to J. Edgar Arthur Noble, PH2, USN, our photographer now

excellence, due for over-seas. Wayne Kelly, AL3 USN, Jack Rushing, IC3 USN, Chuck Martinez, ATAN USN—all discharged; Clinton Taylor, YN2 USN is next on the list to leave during the early part of August; John Hancock who has been of tremendous help to ye editor will rejoin Oregon State College this autumn. And after I trained most of these to be top notch dancers! Woe is me again. Gregory Cox, ATAN USN, is the latest "victim" to be snatched away for duty in Alaska.

Mile-Hi Folk Dancers of Denver, Colo. are dittoing their own scandal sheet, the "Blow" wherein they can let off some steam, and according to it they they are a busy bunch. These Irishers dance at all Denver Jewish affairs doing Lithuanian dances. They also represented Lithuania at the YWCA festivity and at the Sheridan (Wyoming) Cow-Town Hoe-Down and they ran their own affair on June 25th. More power to you.

Kolo John Filcich took off May and June to make an Eastern tour. He visited Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and New York. He also attended several Kolo Konklaves with Cleveland ranking high on his list as far as impressions are concerned. Look out, he came back full of ideas... Madelynne Greene of San Francisco, likewise took off for several months for a trip to Europe, mainly Spain and Italy... Bill and Jane Shepperd of State College, Pa., vacationed in Mexico. Bill preparing a book for the publishers and Jane, who is a Phys. Ed. Teachers and dance instructor of many years, was "larning" all the dancing possible... Richard Castner, now of Portland, Maine, spend some time in Skane, Sweden, and other parts of Europe... Herbert Hyman of Hartford, Conn., will be at the JCRS convention at Spivak in the capacity of a Guide. Hoiby is a JCRS graduate and is also completing a Social Service course... Paul Albrecht of Vermont and New York, was shipped on business to March Field, near Riverside. He'll be a Californian for a couple of months.

The Keamer Walters and Libaws hosted Senor F. Gomez Fagle and his charming daughter Senorita Lillian from Mexico City during the State Wide Festival, where, resplendent in Mexican and native Indian costumes, they performed exquisitely several Mexican and Indian dances. Millie Libaw returned them with a two week visit during July, and had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Murrieta Merrill was not at the Statewide in person but her spirit floated in the form of sweet music as her tape recordings were played for the Arab, Lithuanian and Japanese dances. The Merrills during the past weeks have been combing the deserts and canyons for roks, stones, petrified and fossilized objects and met with much luck . . . Laura Bostwick is spending five weeks in Cuba.

AT THE STATEWIDE: Clinton Taylor did his Japanese solo before the governor of California, that is, just before the governor entered. Clint did his sommer-sault in a split second. Yep, the trousers he wore split in a second as he sommer-saulted... A little Arab woman from Iraq ran down from the balcony after the Arab dances by the VILTIS group, bubbling in sheer joy and happy recollections, praising the girls for bringing back memories of days gone when she did this type of dance. She even rattled off in Arabic to yours truly, which, alas, I could not understand, but she was a happy soul and we are happy for making her happy... Wayne Kelly is one who didn't make us happy. During the Debkas he decided to get an appendix attack. He continued dancing and practically collapsed afterward. There was much consternation and worry. We finally shipped him back via Vivian Woll to his Naval Base near San Diego.

USS Bairoko returned from the South Seas where it spent five months on a historic mission, with it came back a whole group of friends: J. C. Wiley, W. L. Wiley,

Wedding Bells

Kaupas-Kancewick

Julia Ann Kaupas, a former ATEITIS dancer and Stan Kancewick, a member of the Lithuanian University Club, both of Chicago and both swell kids, were united into holy wedlock at St. Rita's on May first. To the newly-weds we extend our sincerest wishes for a most happy life together.

Mellas-Zapolis

Two of the leading ATEITIS folk dancers, singer and dancer Eleanor Ann Mellas and Frank Zapolis were married on the 22 nd of May in Chicago at the Nativity of the BVM (Lithuanian) Church. Ilgiausiu metu and may your wedded life be one of song and dance.

New Arrivals

Michael Fabian Daužvardis

Arrived on April 14th in Chicago to Peter and Dolores, both ATEITIS dancers. This is their second son. Sincere felicitations.

George Norman Golden

is the latest golden edition of April 10 to Larry and Bobbe. Larry and his folks, the John Goldens, are popular square dance leaders in the Chicago area. Good luck on this golden occurrence.

Alice Ann Tesch

was born to Beatrice (nee Sarett, formerly of Chicago) and Lt. Tesch, USN, on May 5th in Sunyvale, Calif. Sincere wishes to the parents and grand-parents, who, by the way, moved to Brentwood, Calif. Mazal Tov on both counts.

Fredric Jan Mednick

...The stork (or somebody) did it again and brought a seven pounder to Sam and Stella Mednick of Van Nuys on May 13th. Sam is the leader of the Griffith Park folk dancers. Mazal Tov.

Anthony Skrupskis, Jr.

Jr. arrived to Tony Sr. and Antoinette on April 29th in Montreal, Canada. Papa is a first cousin of ye editor. To the parents "Linksmų Linkėjimų ir Ilgiausiu Metų!"

Requiescat in Pace

CONDOLENCE IS EXTENDED

To The Bromby Family

of Toronto, Canada, upon the sudden death of their loving father on May 26th, of a heart ailment. Mr. Bromby was a jolly, humor loving person and an excellent provider. The family were host to Vyts during his many visits in Toronto. His happy personality and absence will be greatly missed not only by his loving wife and children, but by all who new him. Requiescat in Pace.

To The Giedraitis Families

of Chicago upon the untimely death of Edward Giedraitis in his prime of life (age 38). His passing was a great shock to relatives who loved and admired him, and to his many friends. Amžina Atilsi Suteik Jam, Viešpatie.

To Henry Mercer

of Orlando, Florida, on the sudden death of his beautiful and loving wife, Louise, in the prime of her years. She

was killed in an auto accident in Louisiana while returning from Dallas, Texas, where they attended a Square Dance Jambouree during the second week of April. Their hosts of friends are greatly grieved at the misfortune. Peace Eternal be hers!

TO THE FARRELLS

Upon the death of Mr. Anton Kiss, Father of Mrs. Ann Farrell of the San Diego folk dance group. Death took place on Monday, June 21st. Mr. Kiss is a native of Hungary.

NEW BOOKS

The Co-op Rrecreation Service of Delaware, Ohio, publishers of recreational song and dance books for camps, youth groups and organizations, came out with a series of booklets. They are as follows:

Folk Dances of Tennessee, edited by Flora L. McDowell, \$1.00. Play party games excellent for camps and grade schools. This form of dance which during the days when any other form was on the tabu list, is now done so very little. One hardly would believe the importance it played during the good old "narrow minded" era.

Having Fun The Polish Way: Natalie Stefanski-Budzowski, 25c. This booklet contains proverbs, riddles, games, customs, a dozen folk songs, recepies and six simple dances; three were taken from the collection by V. F. Beliajus (Zasiali Gorale, Kashubian Waltz and the Ballroom Krakowiak, without acknowledging credit of source). Three others, Olender, a Goral dance and a Kujawiak, tho seemingly simple dances are not clearly written up. None the less it is worth the two-bits any old time.

Swing High, Korean Folk Rercreation, 25c. Consists of four folk songs, five legends and some thirty games (not dances).

Dances of the Jewish People, Dvora Lapson, Jewish Ed. Comm. of N. Y., \$2.00 The dances popularized by Dvora Lapson during these past few years and which till now some of them were available on badly put together, mimeographed copies, are now made available in a neatly ofset collection, containing 27 dances (Israeli, American-Jewish and East European and their versions), with piano music, songs in the original, translation and transliteration. Among them are also the "Song of Songs" Dances (Dodi Li, El Ginat Egoz, etc.). Good and neat.

Pre-Classic Dance Forms, Louis Horst, Kamin Dance Publishers, N. Y. \$4.00. If you are interested in the history and origin of such old favorite court dances, (some of which later became folk dances), such as the Minuet, Pavane, Galliard, Sarabande, Gavotte, Rigaudon, Allemande, Courante, Gigue, Bourree, Passepied, Chaconne and Passacaglia, then this is the book for you. It has a concise but a complete historic background on each one, including sample melodies and historic illustrations. Its historic background is of value to any serious dance instructor and student of the dance. Kamin Dance Bookshop, 1365 Sixth Ave., New York 19, N. Y.

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